

President Kelly Fox
WSCFF
Olympia, WA.

Dear President Fox:

First let me introduce myself, I am a widow of a firefighter who spent 33 yrs in service, served on the WSCFF for ten years as one of the Vice Presidents under President Karl Hofmann of Everett. Those ten year were spent in getting LEOFF 1 where it is today. In gaining insight for the betterment of all Brothers/Sisters in the firefighting field my husband traveled from one city to the other, criss-crossing from Port Angeles to Spokane, Bellevue, Tri Cities to Aberdeen sitting down with all of the Union Presidents at the time asking what they could possible do to make their retirement system work for ALL involved.

I don't think I have to remind you that your title is President of WSCFF which is supposed to encompass ALL members and not just those of LEOFF 2. Honestly the way in which HB 2097 was presented after a meeting with President Warbrouck, Jerry Taylor and others....why was there no mention of this bill at the meeting and hurriedly rammed in after the fact. Why would you even think there would not be a reaction from us old retirees not to mention us being under the administration of LEOFF 2.....talk about having a Fox guarding the hen house, your bias is bleeding through on the pages.

We are 8000 members strong, why isn't there a democratic system in place to ask our opinion as I'm positive that President Warbrouck would have gladly taken care of for us. You assured President Warbrouck that you would not push this Bill UNLESS LEOFF 2 failed to get fully funding. That statement is not very reassuring to us.

The manner in which this bill was introduced, hurriedly, behind our backs, speaks volumes. We all need to be included in any decision making that affects our pension. This Bill needs to have more study, it needs to have legal questions answered and first and foremost we need to have representation.

I spent 10 of my wedding anniversaries at conventions, do I resent that, no because looking down the road it was for a greater good. My husband passed away and I feel the least I can do is honor his commitment and time involved in keeping LEOFF 1 in good shape.

You have a thankless job at times but honestly be fair to both sides as we certainly do not want to pit our brother/sisters from LEOFF 1 & 2 against one another and that is just what this bill does at the moment being crammed through in a hurry. Give us our time.

Best Regards,

Eileen Harnett (widow of Lt. John Harnett - Local 437 - Bremerton, WA.)